

## **Risk Management Community of Practice (CoP)**

## **DoD/DAU Risk Management Guidebook & CoP Update Project**



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## **DoD/DAU Risk Management Community of Practice and Risk Management Guidebook Update Project**

The RM CoP and Guidebook update project is linking the virtual community of practice with current DoD 5000 policy through an updated guide. The new guide has linkages to DoD 5000 series, DAU training products, and best practices contributed by the community on the CoP. It provides an overview of the Risk Management process and provides users linkages to many resources beyond DoD and DAU, to include PMI, INCOSE, and Industry partners.

The Risk CoP is part of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Acquisition Community Connection (ACC). The ACC consists of publicly accessible knowledge communities.

The project started in Fall 2003 and is schedule to



## Risk Management Community of Practice (CoP) and Guidebook Update Project

This project is designed to accomplish three goals:

- Reach a broad consensus across diverse Government, Industry, and Professional Organizations on the basic Risk Management process, definitions, and descriptions (the **WHAT** and **WHY** of risk management).
- Provide a linkage between the new DoD 5000 policy, the DoD Acquisition Guidebook, and a easy read Guidebook that provides further linkages to community members posting of contributions.
- Provide an interactive forum for practitioners to post and discuss specific methodologies and procedures for accomplishing each process step (the **HOW** of risk management). CoP editors will select "featured" contributions to provide users a quick reference.

The Government/Industry/ Professional Organization Working Group consist of DoD AT&L Policy, DAU, PMI, INCOSE and various Service and Industry participants. The group is trying to bring some consensus to the **WHAT** and **WHY** of the Risk Management process. Currently, there are many different names, definitions and terminology sets being used by the risk management community. While there is general agreement that the **HOW** of actually accomplishing the risk management process steps is usually specific to a program, achieving a consensus on the **WHAT** and **WHY** - process definition, description and terminology - should make all projects more effective in performing risk management activities and in communicating risk management results. Such a consensus will also make the job of process guidance and training easier and more effective.

Under this broad consensus of **WHAT** and **WHY**, the Project will develop an interactive forum to provide a central site for people to post and discuss papers, articles, presentations and other materials describing all of the various methodologies, procedures and techniques for accomplishing each defined process step. For example, under Risk Assessment, you will be able to find documents and discussions describing all types of assessment techniques - **HOW** to accomplish risk assessments for specific types of projects. These documents and discussion might explain qualitative techniques or quantitative techniques and how each is "best" for a particular type of project. Someone interested in determining the most value-added technique for their project can research how other similar projects accomplished risk assessment and their results